



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



External Major Winter Storm Update from DESPP / DEMHS...

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING

Please see the latest snowfall forecast on page 2...

A major blizzard is expected to impact most of Southern New England from late tonight thru Tuesday night. Blizzard Warnings will take effect in the next few hours.

At 12:45 radar showed light snow showers moving from south to north across the state. The air is very dry and some of the falling snow is evaporating before reaching the ground. Temperatures are currently in the mid to upper teens with North to Northeast winds at 10 - 15 MPH.

The following forecast is based on a blend of the three models (most likely scenario):

This afternoon...Light snow showers are forecast to continue. The snow is forecast to become steadier by late this afternoon with highs near 20 F. The impact on the afternoon commute is expected to be minor with a dry powdery snow cover on most roads of around 1 - 2 inches.

Tonight...The storm is forecast to rapidly intensify and turn due north (still 150 miles off the coast). The snow is forecast to become heavy (snowfall rates 2 - 4" per hour) around midnight with strong NE winds gusting to 40 MPH inland and 60 MPH at the coast. Near blizzard or blizzard conditions can be expected overnight with temperatures in the upper teens and wind chills near 0 F. Considerable blowing and drifting of snow is expected with a major impact on all travel.

Tuesday...Blizzard conditions are expected thru the morning (snowfall rates up to 4" per hour) with the snow intensity lessening to a moderate level around noontime. Continued windy during the afternoon with moderate snow falling and gusts to 40 MPH inland and 60 MPH at the coast. Considerable blowing and drifting of snow with highs only in the low 20's. A major impact on all travel is expected during the day. Towns along the coast may experience some minor to pockets of moderate flooding during the early morning high tide at 3:30 AM in Eastern Long Island Sound and around 5:00 AM in Western Long Island Sound.

Tuesday Night...Snow ending around midnight with total accumulations ranging between 20" - 30" (locally higher amounts near 35" are possible in any heavier snow bands that develop especially in Southern and Eastern CT).

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to closely monitor this major storm and will send out another update at 7:00 PM.

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DESPP / DEMHS SNOWFALL FORECAST

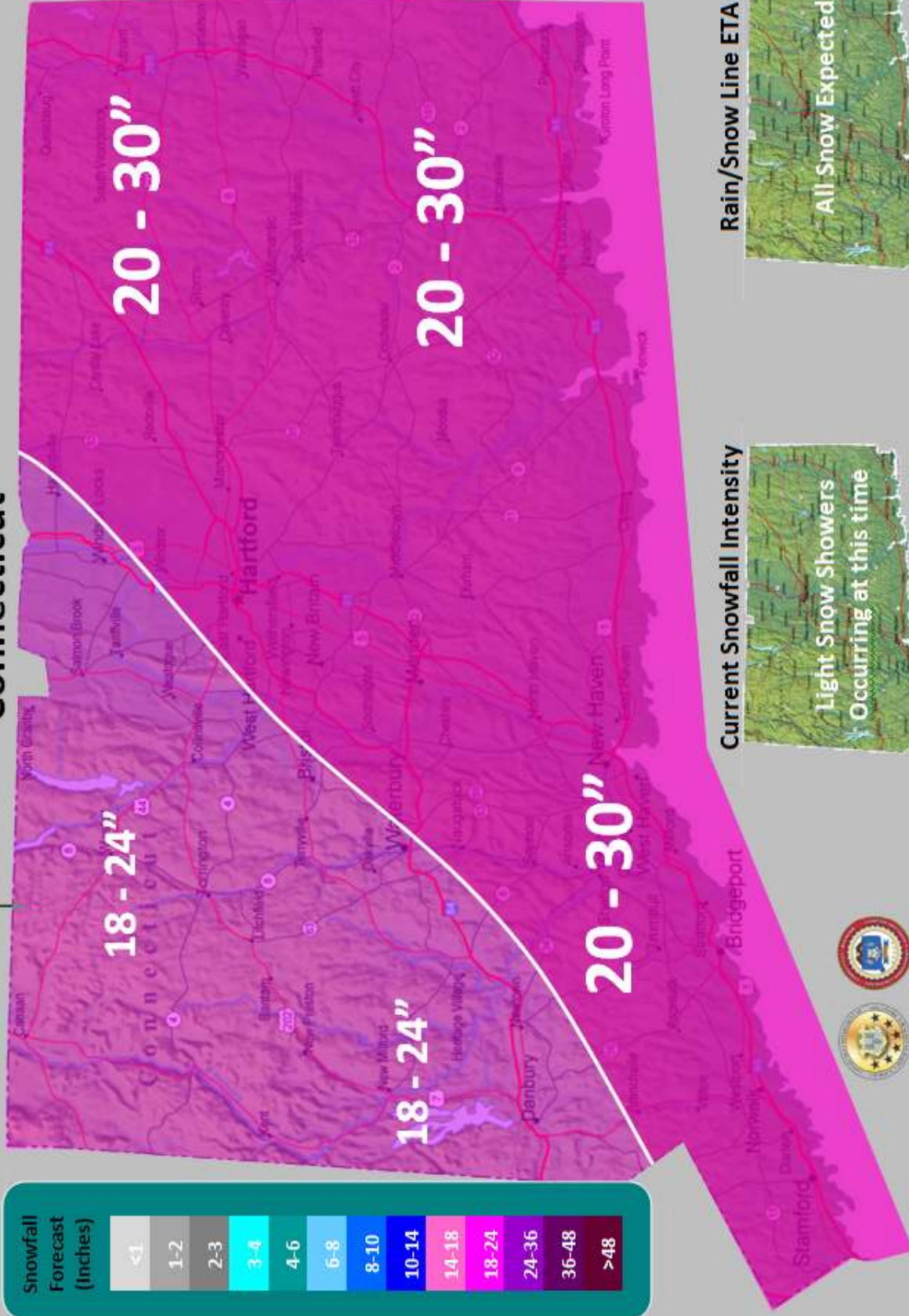
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Connecticut

Snowfall
Forecast
(Inches)

<1
1-2
2-3
3-4
4-6
6-8
8-10
10-14
14-18
18-24
24-36
36-48
>48



Snowfall
Statistics

Max Rate
4" /Hour

Snow/Water
Ratio
14"/1"

Liquid
Equivalent
1.75"

Duration
36 Hours

Icing
0.00"

Current Snowfall Intensity



Rain/Snow Line ETA



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